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Executive Office for Immigration Review
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Re: FOIA 2020-00924 ExpeditedTreatment - Deny

Dear Mr. Hoppock:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) dated October 5, 2019 in which you seek records related to interpreter expenses for EOIR.

The Executive Office for Immigration Review has received your request for expedited treatment of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. The FOIA regulation states that expedited treatment is granted if there is an exceptional need such as jeopardy to life or personal safety, a threatened loss of substantial due process rights, or an urgency to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activities, if made by a person who is primarily engaged in disseminating information. 28 C.F.R. § 16.5(e).

Upon review of your FOIA request, it has been determined that you did not meet the threshold. Therefore, your request for expedited treatment has been denied.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at the telephone number 703-605-1297 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with our determination on your request for expedited treatment, you may administratively appeal by writing to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Information Policy, Sixth Floor, 441 G Street, NW. Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following web site <https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shelley M. O'Hara".

Shelley M. O'Hara
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